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To: Mr. W. B. Cridlin

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From: H. B. Merritt

Subject: Salt Casing Patent Applications

I reviewed the salt casing applications which Les Inskeep has prepared. These appear o.k. However, there is one question in my mind which I would like to discuss with you before my final approval.

I am concerned about our ability to police these types of patents. The only technique that I currently see is measurement of ash content of the total blend. As you know, this technique is useful only if a control is available. In the case of competitors, we would not have the control, and would have to use the general level of ash content. Thus, policing could be accomplished on major blends only by the ash technique. If any significant increase in ash were noted for any competitor, then analytical work would have to follow to determine whether or not salt casing is being used.

I would like to discuss this with you in more detail, if possible.

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